

**REMARKS**

Review and reconsideration on the merits are requested.

**Status of Claims at the Time of Action**

Claims 1-44 were pending.

Claims 1-15, 23 and 34-44 were allowed.

Claims 18, 19, 21, 22 and 25-33 were rejected.

Claims 16, 17, 20 and 24 were objected to.

**Formalities**

Applicants appreciate the Examiner indicating receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents from the IB (there are two priority documents).

Since many of the claims have been canceled, at this point Applicants rather briefly treat the rejections following the paragraphing of the Examiner in **DETAILED ACTION**.

**Election/Restrictions**

Applicants appreciate the Examiner rejoining claims 25-33.

**Claim Objections**

Claims 16-22 and 24 are canceled, mooting the rejection.

**Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 101**

Claims 27-28 and 32-33 are canceled, mooting the rejection.

**Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112**

**First Paragraph**

Claims 29-31 are canceled, mooting the rejection at page 4 of the Action.

Claims 18, 19, 21, 22 and 30 are canceled mooting the rejection of these claims stated at the bottom of page 7 of the Action.

Claim 25 is amended by deleting the "prevention" language.

35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Regarding the rejections at page 12 of the Action:

Claims 25-26 are amended by adding the phrase "to a subject in need thereof" as suggested by the Examiner.

With respect to the remaining claims, claims 27-28, 30-31 and 32-33 are canceled, mooted the rejection of the claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

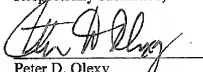
Applicants appreciate the Examiner stating that the indicated claims are allowed.

This application should now be in condition for allowance and such is requested.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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